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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

AUSTIN, TEXAS,

June 4, 1923.

Hon. S. L. Staples,
Secretary of State,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am herewith filing with you, together with my veto and disapproval, House Bill No. 51, which seeks to make ineffective, contracts, heretofore made by and between the duly authorized agents of the State and other contracting parties, for the purchase and distribution of free text-books for the children of the State.

Among other reasons, this bill is vetoed because it did not come within any subject matter presented by me at any time to the Called Session of the Legislature that enacted this bill. In addition to this good and sufficient reason, the bill seeks to impair the obligations of contracts heretofore made by the State, which is a clear violation of the Constitutional provisions of the State and of the Nation. The courts of the country are the proper forums in which the legality of contracts should be tested.

This bill is therefore disapproved and vetoed.

Respectfully,



Governor